The North Carolina Emergency Petroleum Shortage Work Group has been developed to ensure plans are in place for emergencies that impact fuel supply and distribution. The State Energy Office has received nearly \$1.1 million in federal funds to also ensure that the state is ready and proficient with issues related to energy planning. A primary goal is to minimize the impact of energy disruptions.

North Carolina Energy Emergency Plan

Detailed actions and responsibilities in the plan in case an emergency occurs that affects energy supplies or facilities in the state include:

- (1) Assessing energy system damage, energy supply, demand, and requirements to restore such systems;
- (2) Assisting local and state departments and agencies in obtaining fuel for transportation and emergency operations;
- (3) Administering statutory authorities for energy allocation priorities;
- (4) Assisting energy suppliers in obtaining information, permits, equipment, specialized labor, fuel, and transportation to repair or restore energy systems;
- (5) Recommending local and state actions that will save fuel resources;
- (6) Providing energy emergency information, education, and conservation guidance to the public;
- (7) Coordinating information with local, state, and federal officials and energy suppliers regarding energy supply recovery assistance programs;
- (8) Providing technical assistance involving energy systems;
- (9) Recommending to the State Coordinating Officer and the Federal Coordinating Officer priorities to help restore damaged energy systems;
- (10) Coordinating fuel and power requests for assistance received from county Emergency Operation Centers.